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Dear Mrs. Harrison

Re OVERVIEW OF SOUTHERN AZERBAIJANI PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

As you know, in the course of the May 2006 mass protests in Southern Azerbaijan, scores of peoples lost their lives as the ultimate price for freedom, as well many more were wounded or suffered from arbitrary arrests. It ha not yet been possible to submit their full name lists for your information and possible actions. There are many youths whose names are not known to us but have been arrested and towards guaranteeing their safety, we endeavour to find their names and submit them for your compilation.

At this point, we would like to draw a list of activists, many of whom are prominent. This list on their status is definite. Of these, we draw your attention to Mr. Abbas Leysanli (Lisani) who is jailed in the Erdebil Prison and has resorted to hunger strike as a token of his protest for being illegally imprisoned, as a result of which he is believed to be in a life threatening situation. The young engineer, Mr. Qulam Rza Emani, jailed in the Evin Prison, Tehran, is also in a life threatening situation due to resorting to hunger strike and for the same reason.

More elderly activists are also known to be in similar situations, including Mr. Hesən Azerbaijan and Chengin Bekhtaver who are over 60 years old and known to suffer from heart problems.

Political analysts believe that the regime in Tehran is jailing many of these activists to prevent their participation in the Babek Assembly on 29-30 June 2006 in Southern Azerbaijan.

The endurance of any human being including our dearest ones to such an extent is questionable. Therefore we kindly request for escalating your campaign and do whatever within your means to alleviate their hardship. It is not time to send an envoy to visit such prisoners of conscience?

The list of the prisoners of conscience currently in the prison as a result of the ongoing mass protests is as follows (excluding those already in the prison prior to the May uprising):

In the Urmu Prison

1. Javad Abbasi
 2. Eyyub Huseyin Beyoglu
 3. Resul Ezimi
 4. Ibrahim Reshidi
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In the Maragha Prison

5. Yashar Hekim pur
6. Davud Ezimzade
7. Hamid Yegane
8. Mejid Pjuheshfam

In the Tebriz Prison

9. Bilal Rizai
10. Eli Shadi
11. Mejid Hummeti
12. Eyyub Lutfi

In the Tehran Prison

13. Saleh Kamrani
14. Hesən Azərbaycan
15. QulamRiza Emani
16. Chengiz Bekhaver
17. Ehmed Ziyai (Heyderoglu)
18. Hesən Haji Eyyubi (Hesən Erk)
19. Eli Hamidi Iman
20. Huseyin Heseni
21. Sirius Huseyin Nejad (Yanar Sonmez)

We should add that some of the above persons from 14 to 20 may well be in the Tebriz Prison. It is probable that the transfer from Tebriz to the Evin Prison is a decoy.

In the Erdebil Prison

22. Abbas Leysanli (Lisani)
23. Mehdi Mehemed pur
24. Jelal Təghevi
25. Davud Esedi
26. Ekber Khub
27. Jefer Subhani
28. Rehim Qulami
29. Riza Shebani
30. Heyder Dergahi

In the Khiyav Prison

31. Emir Huseyin Musevi

In the Khoy Prison

32. Hemid Khan Ehmedi
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Let me emphasise that these names are in connection with the May uprising. Your archives will have the names of activists already suffering in imprisonment.

Yours sincerely

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